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STATE OF RHODE ISLAND

IN GENERAL ASSEMBLY

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H O U S E R E S O L U T I O N

**EXPRESSING SINCERE CONDOLENCES ON THE PASSING OF JOSEPH D.
WOLFERSEDER**

Introduced By: Representatives Solomon, Shekarchi, Bennett, Vella-Wilkinson, and
McNamara

Date Introduced: February 02, 2017

Referred To: House read and passed

1 WHEREAS, It is with great sadness that this House has learned of the passing of Joseph
2 D. Wolferseder, the devoted husband of Ellen A. Wolferseder for 57 years, and the beloved father
3 of Paula Wolferseder Yabar, Joseph G. Wolferseder, Christopher J. Wolferseder, and Peter W.
4 Wolferseder and his wife, Shirley. He was also the proud grandfather of five grandchildren, and
5 the uncle of many nieces and nephews; and

6 WHEREAS, Born in Providence on May 19, 1931, Mr. Wolferseder was a son of the late
7 Frank X. and Carrie E. Wolferseder, and the brother of the late Mary Hughes, Hazel Gibson,
8 Dorothy Christiansen, and Milton Wolferseder; and

9 WHEREAS, Mr. Wolferseder was a graduate of Providence College, class of 1953.
10 From 1953 through 1955, he served our country with honor and distinction in the United States
11 Army during the Korean War at Fort Eustis, Virginia, and was awarded the Certificate of
12 Commendation for Outstanding Service; and

13 WHEREAS, Upon his discharge, Mr. Wolferseder returned to the Ocean State and
14 continued his education, receiving his Master's degree in secondary school education from Rhode
15 Island College and completing additional professional studies at the College of William & Mary,
16 the University of Rhode Island, and Boston University; and

17 WHEREAS, To the very good fortune of generations of students attending Warwick's
18 public schools, Mr. Wolferseder began teaching, first as an English teacher, followed by social
19 studies, and vocal music at Gorton Junior High School. By consistently demonstrating an abiding

1 passion for teaching, he was promoted to the position of assistant principal serving the students at
2 both Gorton and Aldrich Junior High School; and

3 WHEREAS, Devoted to his faith, Mr. Wolferseder served his parish, St. Kevin's, for 50
4 years as the first church organist and choir director. He also served as the assistant principal and
5 later as the principal of St. Kevin's School, and undertook numerous leadership roles serving on
6 myriad local school boards and committees; and

7 WHEREAS, A life-long learner and avid reader, Mr. Wolferseder was a consummate
8 student of history, who enjoyed exploring his own family genealogy as well as the history of the
9 United States and the world; and

10 WHEREAS, Joseph Wolferseder was a devoted family man, a steadfast gentleman, and a
11 dedicated teacher and friend, who helped his students and all around him, to find the very best in
12 themselves. He will be dearly missed and forever remembered; now, therefore be it

13 RESOLVED, That this House of Representatives of the State of Rhode Island and
14 Providence Plantations hereby extend our heartfelt sympathy on the passing of Joseph D.
15 Wolferseder; and be it further

16 RESOLVED, That the Secretary of State be an hereby is authorized and directed to
17 transmit a duly certified copy of this resolution to Mrs. Ellen A. Wolferseder and Family.

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